

THE BRENTWOOD CONNECTION

How Low Can We Go?

Since the City declared a drought emergency on May 26th, the Brentwood community has united in its efforts to conserve potable (drinking) water and meet the State mandate. As a reminder, water conservation measures including rebates and penalties went into effect with the July utility billing cycle.

For more information, including INCENTIVE PROGRAMS, visit the City's website at www.brentwoodca.gov/savewater.

Water Conservation Tips

Indoors

- ◆ **Replace Appliances** - Now is the time to replace toilets and washing machines with water efficient models. Rebates are available!!!
- ◆ **Full Loads** - Only run full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine.
- ◆ **Hand Dishwashing** - Dishwashers are more efficient. If you do wash dishes by hand don't leave the water running; fill the sink.
- ◆ **Avoid Rinsing Dishes** - Scrape food scraps; modern dishwashers are pretty good at cleaning stuck-on food.
- ◆ **Bucket in the Shower** - Collect water while it's warming, then use it to water plants or flush the toilet.
- ◆ **Shaving and Toothbrushing** - Turn off the faucet while shaving or brushing your teeth.
- ◆ **Toilet Flushing** - Consider whether or not to flush after each use.



Outdoors

- ◆ **Prioritize Landscape Irrigation** - Save trees and shrubs, consider letting your lawn go brown. Water no more than 2 days per week.
- ◆ **Water Efficient Landscaping** - Saves money and is typically low maintenance. For plants specific to this area, visit the website Gardening in Contra Costa County at www.contracosta.watersavingplants.com.
- ◆ **Mulch! Mulch! Mulch!**
- ◆ **Water Early or Late** - Before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m. when temperatures are cooler.
- ◆ **Inspect Sprinklers and Drips** - Check for broken or misaligned sprinkler heads or broken emitters.
- ◆ **Irrigation Timers** - Check the schedule to ensure you're only watering when needed; consider a weather-based controller.
- ◆ **Sweep Don't Spray** - Hosing down hardscape is not permitted.
- ◆ **Vehicle Washing** - Consider taking your vehicles to car wash facilities that recirculate and reuse water.

Free Water Use Evaluation

The City offers a free water use evaluation that includes a demonstration on how to read your water meter and check for leaks; reading and calculating current water use; checking all water-using fixtures for leaks and efficiency; reviewing your sprinkler timer and making watering suggestions;

and answering general water use questions. Customers must be home during the evaluation, which takes approximately 30 minutes.

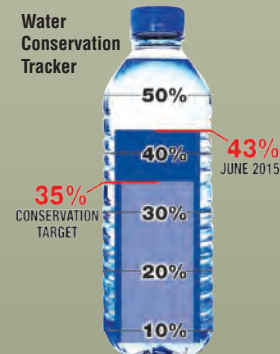
For more information or to schedule an appointment: call (925) 516-5373 or email SaveWater@brentwoodca.gov.

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150 City Park Way
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Water Softener Removal Financial Incentive Program

Chloride is a naturally occurring mineral found in drinking water. Chloride levels at the City's wastewater treatment facility are above maximum levels set by the state. These levels are exceeded primarily due to the use of salt-based, self-regenerating water softeners. To reduce the amount of chlorides coming into the treatment facility, the City is offering a financial incentive program to residents willing to remove their sodium and potassium



salt-based, self-regenerating water softener (\$700) or first time water softener buyers (\$300).

To be eligible for these incentives, residents are required to complete an application to participate in the program.

For more program information and/or to download the application, visit the City's website, www.brentwoodca.gov/wsprogram, or call Public Works/Operations at (925) 516-6000.

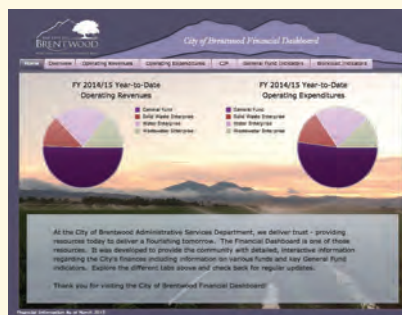
The Largest Gigabit Broadband Service Network in the Bay Area has Launched

Last year the City of Brentwood entered into an agreement with Internet service provider Sonic to install gigabit broadband internet service throughout large portions of the city—making Brentwood the first city in the Bay Area to feature a widespread gigabit broadband network available to residents and businesses. In the past several weeks Sonic has announced the “light-up” of its first gigabit residential neighborhood, with more neighborhoods scheduled to come online throughout the summer.

Sonic and the City are also developing plans on how to cost effectively expand the network throughout the City. Residents can learn more about the new gigabit network at www.sonic.com/brentwood.

Financial Dashboard

The Administrative Services Department has created a Financial Dashboard which has greatly enhanced financial transparency with the public. The Financial Dashboard is a graphical, interactive and easy-to-use financial reporting tool which allows users to generate customized financial reports and review key City financial metrics. Information regarding the City's major revenues and expenses, including budgets and comparisons to prior year activity, are available for viewing in the Financial Dashboard which can be found at <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/finance/dashboard.asp>.



Under Construction

Capital Improvement Projects:

- 2015 Pavement Management Program (Balfour Road Overlay): Grind and overlay Balfour Rd. from Pippo Ave. to Minnesota Ave. Construction expected to begin this summer. Estimated completion: Fall 2015.

Developer Projects – Infrastructure Work:

- Ferro Ronconi (north of Balfour Rd., east of Griffith Ln.): Site being graded and underground utilities being installed.
- Magnolia (south of Marsh Creek, west of Brentwood Blvd.): Construction expected to begin this summer.
- Palmilla Phase II (south of Central Blvd., east of Griffith Lane): Site being graded and underground utilities being installed.
- Renaissance at Windy Springs (south of Amber Ln., west of Windy Springs Ln.): Utilities being constructed followed by paving of streets.

Developer Projects – Homes being built:

- Barrington (south of Sunset Rd., along Garin Parkway)
- Cedarwood Phase 2 (north of Sycamore Ave., west of Garin Parkway)
- Mission Grove (south of Balfour Rd., west of Union Pacific Railroad Tracks)
- Palmilla (north of Central Blvd., west of Union Pacific Railroad Tracks)
- Prewett Ranch (north of Grant St., west of Brentwood Blvd.)
- Steeplechase (north of Lone Tree Way, west of O'Hara Ave.)
- Vineyards at Marsh Creek Phase 4 and 5B (north of Marsh Creek Rd., west of SR4)

Regional Projects:

- Balfour Road Interchange (Balfour Rd. and SR4): Utility relocation work will begin this summer with construction estimated to begin late 2015 / early 2016

For more information: Public Works/Engineering (925) 516-5420

Park Updates

New Playground at Curtis Park

A new playground was recently installed at Curtis Park, 105 Curtis Drive. This new playground includes a new play structure, rock climber, and rubberized safety surfacing. Curtis Park was constructed in 1986 and the prior play equipment far exceeded its projected lifespan.



Blue Goose Park Improvements

Two exciting improvement projects were recently completed at Blue Goose Park. The first project was the conversion of the single-flow pump system for the water feature to a recirculating system. This change is resulting in a significant amount of water savings. The second was the expansion of the parking lot with 14 additional parking stalls. The new parking area was opened for use in late May and the water feature was turned back on for the public to enjoy in June.

For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444

NOW AVAILABLE!!!

CONVERT FOR CASH

CONVERSION REBATE PROGRAM

WATER LEAKS CAN NOT BEEP
CONSIDERING TOGETHER
BRENTWOOD

RECEIVE CASH FOR CONVERSIONS

- ◆ LANDSCAPE
- ◆ IRRIGATION UPGRADES
- ◆ WATER EFFICIENT APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT

Details and application may be found at
www.brentwoodca.gov/savewater
 (925) 516-5373

Recycled Water Fill Station

The City has opened a Recycled Water Fill Station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2251 Elkins Way, for City of Brentwood utility customers (“Customers”). Recycled water is wastewater that has received extensive treatment in order to be used for many non-potable water uses such as landscape irrigation. The use of recycled water for this purpose is a way for Customers to help meet State mandated regulations to reduce potable water use.

Customers may bring containers (up to 300 gallons) to fill with recycled water, free of charge, and take for appropriate use. To utilize this recycled water, Customers will need to show their current utility bill, complete a short application and receive a brief, one-time training on the regulated uses of recycled water. Hours of Operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Closed on City observed holidays. Hours subject to change.

Please see video of services at
<https://youtu.be/XUTJHlxIdfY>.

For more information and guidelines, visit the City’s website: www.brentwoodca.gov/savewater or call Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000.

Graffiti Removal Program

The City is dedicated to keeping our community beautiful and is proud to have an aggressive Graffiti Removal Program. Since July 2014, the Street Maintenance Division has removed 12,176 square feet of graffiti throughout the City. This includes graffiti on sound walls, creek structures, tunnels, parks, sidewalks, utility cabinets, and signs. The City’s goal is to respond within 24 hours for graffiti abatement, with the exception of holidays and weekends. If you see someone in the process of committing an act of graffiti, please call Police Dispatch at (925) 778-2441. To report graffiti, please submit your request for removal via a smartphone using Report It!, a free application; call Public Works/Operations or submit a service request via the City’s website at <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/pw/service.asp>

For more information contact: Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000



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FREE EVENTS



Fall Movie in the Park

The fall "Movie in the Park" will feature "Hocus Pocus" on the big screen in City Park on Friday, October 23rd beginning at 6:15 p.m. This free event will take place rain or shine!

2015 Starry Nights in Brentwood Summer Concert Series

The summer concert series will conclude with concerts by Project 4 Band (August 7th), TinMan (August 14th), and the Brentwood Concert Band (August 21st). All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in City Park, 710 Second Street. Patrons are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner.

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Hot Summer Nights

During the month of August, the Brentwood Family Aquatic Complex will open every Saturday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for music, games, themed activities and night swimming. "Hot August Nights" is a great opportunity for the family to come together and have fun. *Entry fee is \$2 per person.*

- August 1 Disney Night
- August 8 Sports Night
- August 15 Super Hero Night
- August 22 Luau Night
- August 29 Princess & Pirates Night

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Public Art Trail Murals Complete

Late last year City Council approved funding for the Liberty High School Public Art and Design Academy to create four painted murals along the Marsh Creek Trail at the tunnels near Sand Creek Road and O'Hara Avenue. All four murals are now complete and an unveiling ceremony was held on June 2, 2015. This is the fourth project that the graduating senior art students have provided for the City.



For more information: Parks and Recreation (925) 516-5444

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www.brentwoodca.gov